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**Subject:** Eagle Lake, Essex County Boat Launch

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The boat launch on west end of Eagle Lake, Town of Ticonderoga is in bad shape. It is the only public access to the lake. A recent plan to improve the launch is good and overdue, but goes too far. Limiting residents to use for only light boats, like kayaks, is just not acceptable.

In our case, we have a 13 foot Whaler with a heavy motor. We need to float it off of our trailer which is only used in this lake. While we can understand the concerns for limiting the spread of non native species in the Park, we also understand the local need for a ramp into the lake for local use. Unfortunately, Eagle Lake is full of Eurasian Milfoil and certainly non local trailers are at risk of spreading it to other bodies of water. There must be a way to some arrangement to allow local residents to have access to a suitable ramp.

Note that the causeway height above the water limits access to the greater part of the lake to low profile boats. The lake certainly is not suitable for larger boats. The DOT has been made aware of this as they plan to replace the current crossing.

Thank you for considering this request, Rin and Carol Fraize  
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